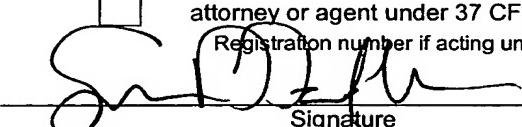


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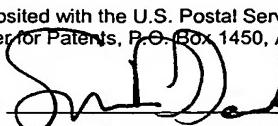
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Application Number	10/019839-Conf. #8658	Filed May 6, 2002
For BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID WITH FRONT PLATE		
Art Unit 2643	Examiner S. Ni	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.		
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):		
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 Signature		<u>December 8, 2004</u> Date
<u>Sean D. Detweiler</u> Typed or printed name		<u>(617) 227-7400</u> Telephone Number
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